The Heart Care Foundation has recommended to make e-prescription compulsory and to ensure that every practitioner has one associated health care worker who has basic knowledge in drug prescription, health and dietary counseling.

As far as the issue concerning 'look alike' drugs are concerned, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has already advised all State Drug Licensing Authorities to ensure that the brand names pf drug formulations approved by them should not look alike with existing brand names.

A National Pharmacovigilance Programme is also under implementation in this country for collecting data with respect to adverse drug reaction in the country so as to ensure that suitable measures are taken to rectify any such situation, if it arises.

Plantation of Eucalyptus tree

*332, SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Eucalyptus (Safaida) tree sucks a larger quantity of underground water than Neem, Peepal or Banyan trees in the country and most particularly in Northern India;

(b) if so, whether due to plantation of this tree, the ground-water level has gone down;

(c) whether Government propose to ban the plantation of this tree and allow plantation of local trees; and

(d) if so, by when such necessary instructions are expected to be issued to the State Governments and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Research information on consumption of water by Eucalyptus tree *vis a vis* Neem, Peepal or Banyan tree is not available. However, consumption of water per unit production of Biomass in respect of Eucalyptus is lower compared to many species.

(b) There is no conclusive evidence to this effect.

(c) There is no proposal to ban the plantation of Eucalyptus trees.

(d) Question does not arise.